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SUBJECT: EC-IRAN PREFERENCES

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1. WE TOLD DAVIGNON THAT THE U.S.OPPOSES ANY EC TRADE
PREFERENCES TO IRAN ON GENERAL AND OIL POLICY GROUNDS.

2. WE REMINDED DAVIGNON OF THE REPEATED EC ASSURANCES TO
THE U.S. THAT PREFERENTIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH SELECTED
LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WOULD NOT BE EXTENDED BEYOND AFRICA
AND THE MEDITERRANEAN LITORAL. A PREFERENTIAL ARRANGEMENT
WITH IRAN WOULD BE CONTRARY TO THESE ASSURANCES AND WOULD
REIGNITE THE ACROMONIOUS U.S.-EC ARGUEMENT ON SPECIALIZED
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PREFERENTIAL ARRANGEMENTS. WE EMPHASIZED THAT THE U.S.

WOULD OPPOSE ANY PREFERENTIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH IRAN EVEN
IF, CONTRARY TO OUR EXPECTATIONS, IT WERE COMPATIBLE
WITH GATT.

3. WE SUGGESTED TO DAVIGNON THAT THE PROSPECTIVE
EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF THE IEA CONSIDER WHETHER A UNILATERAL
DEAL BETWEEN THE EC AND IRAN WOULD ADVANCE THE
COOPERATIVE APPROACH TO THE OIL PROBLEM THAT WE
ARE SEEKING TO ENCOURAGE THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE IEA.

4. DAVIGNON ACKNOWLEDGED THE VALIDITY OF BOTH POINTS AND
SAID THAT HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE CASE AND GIVE US A
RESPONSE. FIRESTONE

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